



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitmire Community School (Elementary)  
 Newberry  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 269  
 Principal: Joey L. Haney  
 Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett  
 Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

## PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD |                 | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
|      |                 |               | General Performance            | Closing the Gap |            |                         |
| 2009 | Below Average   | Below Average | TBD                            | TBD             | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2008 | Below Average   | Average       | N/A                            | N/A             | Not Met    | N/A                     |
| 2007 | Below Average   | Below Average | N/A                            | N/A             | Not Met    | NI                      |

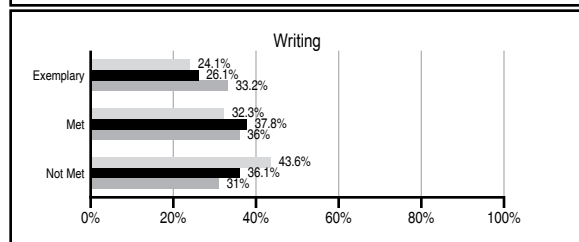
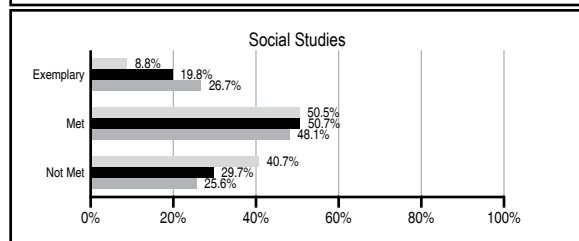
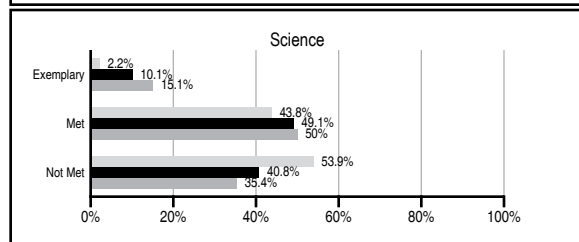
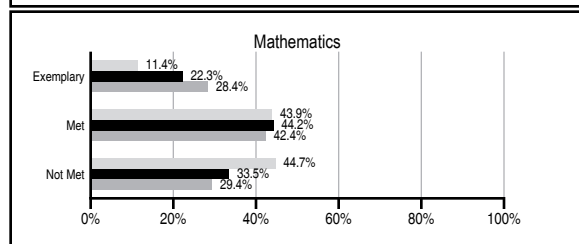
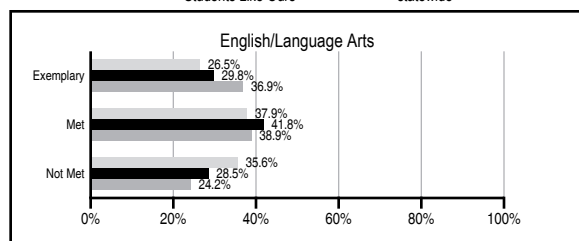
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0         | 8    | 95      | 18            | 1       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

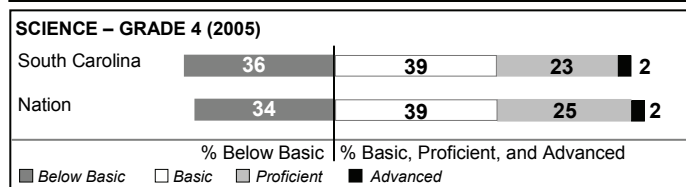
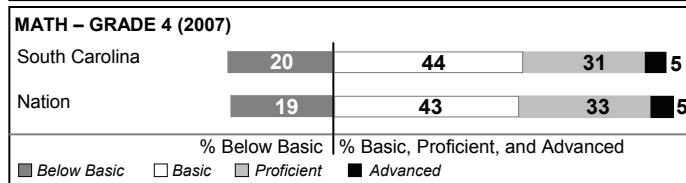
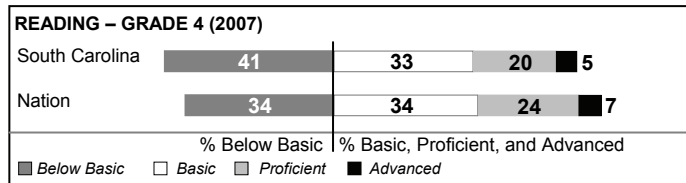
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

**2010 Goal:**  
 By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

**2020 Vision:**  
 By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=269)</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Retention rate   | 1.6%       | Down from 2.1%        | 2.4%                                       | 1.9%                     |
| Attendance rate  | 95.4%      | Down from 95.8%       | 96.1%                                      | 96.3%                    |
| Eligible for gifted and talented   | 6.4%       | Up from 0.0%          | 7.3%                                       | 10.0%                    |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 3.6%       | Down from 5.7%        | 9.2%                                       | 7.7%                     |
| Older than usual for grade   | 0.9%       | Down from 2.0%        | 0.7%                                       | 0.5%                     |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Teachers (n=27)</b>   |            |                       |  |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 44.4%      | Down from 48.1%       | 57.1%                                      | 59.4%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 74.1%      | Up from 63.0%         | 81.6%                                      | 80.0%                    |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 4.2%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 73.5%      | Up from 70.7%         | 85.8%                                      | 85.9%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 89.1%      | Down from 95.8%       | 95.0%                                      | 95.1%                    |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$42,554   | Up 1.4%               | \$46,512                                   | \$47,149                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | Down from 5.2%        | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 14.7 days  | Up from 13.5 days     | 12.0 days                                  | 11.1 days                |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Principal's years at school  | 2.0        | Up from 1.0           | 4.0  | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 17.7 to 1  | Down from 18.6 to 1   | 18.5 to 1                                  | 18.8 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time   | 80.2%      | Down from 91.3%       | 90.0%                                      | 90.4%                    |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Good       | No Change             | Good                                       | Good                     |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                      |
| Parents attending conferences  | 100.0%     | No Change             | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$8,807    | Up 7.9%               | \$7,586                                    | \$7,458                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 59.2%      | Down from 59.4%       | 68.5%                                      | 68.8%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 53.9%      | Up from 52.2%         | 62.1%                                      | 63.2%                    |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 100.0%     | Up from 80.0%         | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 11       | 53        | 39       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 100.0%   | 81.1%     | 84.2%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0%   | 98.1%     | 82.1%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 100.0%   | 86.8%     | 74.4%    |

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitmire Community School is a PreK-12 facility located in northern Newberry County. The school has been referred to as the hidden secret of the Sumter National Forest. WCS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a South Carolina Reading First School, and an SREB/SDE High Schools That Work site. The Palmetto Gold & Silver Awards Program recognized the elementary school (2006-2007) and the high school (2005-2008).

Our classroom instruction is based on South Carolina curriculum standards with our focal point being reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all content areas and the responsibility is equally shared by all of our teachers, students, parents, and the community. Teachers across all content areas recognize "Writers of the Month" each quarter at the success assemblies. Family message journals, the Wee Deliver Postal System, author visits, Family Read-in Night, Reading with the Wolverines, and Read Across America Week provide authentic writing and reading opportunities throughout our school and community.

We continued a Measure of Academic Progress assessment program for grades 2 through 10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, Mathematics, and Science to identify each student's strengths and weaknesses. Our Data Analysis Team will examine MAP results along with student performance on PACT, HSAP, Odyssey, A+ Software, Dominie, and classroom assessment to establish goals and objectives for ongoing school improvement. A daily enrichment/remediation period was scheduled for grades 3-8.

In the Spring of 2008, the school and community was excited to witness the completion of an \$8.7 million building project. The plan included a new PK-12 Media Center, high school classrooms, 6-12 Art Room, band room and gymnasium. There will be no classrooms housed in portables when the 2008-2009 school year opens. WCS also received major technology upgrades with phones and Smartboards in every classroom.

We will continue to promote our unique PK-12 setting and work toward our mission of providing a safe, nurturing environment and collaborating with families and the community, to prepare all of our students for success.

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